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Imagine all the happiness and wealth you could achieve if you found a magic pebble that granted your every wish! Sylvester Duncan, an unassuming donkey who collects pebbles "of unusual shape and color," experiences just such a lucky find. But before he can make all his wishes come true, the young donkey unexpectedly encounters a mean-looking lion. Startled, Sylvester wishes he were a rock, but in mineral form he can no longer hold the pebble, and thus cannot wish himself back to his equine trappings. His parents, thinking he has disappeared, are at first frantic, then miserable, and then plunge into donkey ennui. Meanwhile, Sylvester is gravely depressed, but tries to get used to being a rock.

In 1970, William Steig won the Caldecott Medal for *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*--the first of his many Newbery and Caldecott honors. In this donkey's tale, Steig imbues his characteristically simple illustrations of animals sporting human garb with evocative, irresistible, and heartbreakingly vivid emotions. The text is straightforward and the dialogue remarkably touching. Children will feel deeply for Sylvester and his parents, all wishing for the impossible--that the family will one day be reunited. Sylvester's sweet story is one that endures, reminding us all that sometimes what we have is all we really need. (*Ages 4 to 8*)

### From the Publisher

On a rainy day, Sylvester finds a magic pebble that can make wishes come true. But when a lion frightens him on his way home, Sylvester makes a wish that brings unexpected results. How Sylvester is eventually reunited with his loving family and restored to his true self makes a story that is beautifully tender and filled with true magic. Illustrated with William Steig's glowing pictures, this is a modern classic beloved by children everywhere. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* is a winner of the Caldecott Medal.END

### About the Author

**William Steig** (1907–2003) received the Caldecott Medal for *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* and received countless honors and awards for his children's books, which are loved by readers young and old. Born in New York City, he spent much of his life in Massachusetts before his death in 2003.

**James Earl Jones** is a beloved and award-winning actor who has achieved success in television, film, and theater. From voicing Darth Vader to *The Lion King*'s Mufasa, his vocal talent is widely known and appreciated. Recipient of everything from Tonys and Emmys to the Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, he most recently starred in the Broadway production of *Driving Miss Daisy*. He lives in Pawling, New York.

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